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1. WIRED: DANGER ROOM

China's Increasingly Good Mock Air Battles Prep Pilots for Real War: "China's staged air wars are getting closer to the real thing. That's got some in the U.S. worried."

Budget Woes Mean Only One U.S. Aircraft Carrier Will Watch Iran: "The Associated Press' Lolita Baldor reports that when the *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower* returns to the Bahrain-based U.S. 5th Fleet later this month, it won't be accompanied by another carrier."

2. USNI

More Speed!: "If I was a submarine captain, I am pretty sure the safest place in blue water is going to be underneath a Littoral Combat Ship on diesels, because not only can the ship not hear or detect the submarine, but nobody else is going to hear a thing except these super awesome waterjets."

Z-Innovation! Guest Post by Robert Kozloski: "While leading the brown water navy in Vietnam, Zumwalt was deep-selected over seven admirals and twenty-six vice admirals his senior for the position of CNO. "Admiral Z" served as the 19th Chief of Naval Operations during a tumultuous period in American history, July 1970 to June 1974.

3. NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

The Mod Squad Reruns?: A follow up to the "Z-Innovation" post at USNI

4. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

BUSINESS INSIDER

Iran Just Released Classified Footage Decoded From A Captured US Drone: "Iran has just released footage that proves it has, if not literally decoded, at least accessed some of the data stored inside the stealthy U.S. RQ-170 drone captured in December 2011."

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

China-Japan Dispute Puts U.S. in Tricky Spot: "This is the second and third biggest economies, these are two very mature nations," said a senior defense official. "It is in everyone's interest that these two great nations find a diplomatic solution. There is a lot at stake here."

DEFENSE TECH

LCS 5 To Get New Waterjets: "The Office of Naval Research recently announced that USS Milwaukee (LCS 5) will be equipped with four Rolls-Royce Axial-Flow Waterjet Mk-1 engines, which they claim will both improve performance and reduce required maintenance over the life of the ship."

THE ATLANTIC (James Fallows)

Worth Reading: ChinaFile Discussion on 'Airpocalypse': "...the nearly unendurable conditions that Chinese growth has brought to many Chinese people represent a kind of challenge that the system and its leaders have not reckoned with before. Apart, of course, from the effects on the rest of the world."

FOREIGN POLICY

[The Warrior King](#): "Isn't this an awful lot of war for President 'Peace in Our Time'?"

LONG WAR JOURNAL

[Satellite images reveal unscathed SSRC facility in Syria](#): "If the images, taken four days after the alleged bombing, are genuine, they all but confirm the belief among US officials that Israel's primary target in last week's raid was a convoy of anti-aircraft weapons and not the SSRC facility..."

NEW ATLANTICIST

[Presidential Killing Powers Need Checks and Balances](#): "At the very least, the rules ought to be spelled out in legislation that has passed both Houses of Congress and survived judicial scrutiny for constitutionality rather than made internally."

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT

[What To Make of India's Nuclear Forces](#): "Amid naval jostling in the East China Sea and nuclear rumbles on the Korean Peninsula, it is easy to miss a missile making a splash in the Indian Ocean."

[The Worldview of Lee Kuan Yew](#): "Singapore truly is *his* country: he served as its founding father, its prime minister (1959-90), its senior minister (1990-2004), and its minister mentor (2004-11). As Nicholas Kristof observed in a review of Lee's 2000 memoir, *From Third World to First: The Singapore Story*, '[o]ther leaders have reshaped nations—Kemal Ataturk in Turkey, Lenin in Russia, Deng Xiaoping in China—but no one left a deeper imprint on his people than Lee.'"

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG

[Time to Change the Rules of the Cyber-Security Game](#): "Such incidents are going to continue until something fundamentally changes. Cyber security incentives are badly misaligned."

FROM THE READERS

NEXTGOV

[To cut costs, Defense and VA scrap plans for new electronic health record](#): "'Ric and I agreed to make a series of important changes to simplify this program, cut costs and to get our veterans the key benefits of this system much sooner. Rather than building a single integrated system from scratch, we will focus our immediate efforts on integrating VA and DoD health data as quickly as possible...'"

CNBC

[Currency Wars Return, 1930s Style: Who Will Lose Out?](#): "'If a weaker [yen](#) is an important pillar of the strategy to make this export-oriented economy more competitive again, it brings into the picture something that was missing from earlier interactions among central banks of the advanced economies – competitive depreciation,' it said in a research note."